

COIN COUNTER/SORTER AND COUPON/VOUCHER
DISPENSING MACHINE AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A coin sorting and counting machine and a method for
operating it to automatically dispense cash vouchers based on
the value of the counted coins, manufacturers' coupons and
store coupons. Coins are placed in a hopper tray angled
downward from the horizontal. When the hinged tray is lifted,
10 the coins travel over a peak structure, through a waste
management system and into the coin sorting and counting
apparatus. The value of the coins and the number of coins
within each denomination are displayed as the coins are
counted. The coins fall into a storage area and the user is
15 issued a cash voucher and a series of manufacturer coupons.